

Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150; provided further, that Members have until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 7, 2007, to file any germane second-degree amendments. **Page S7270**

#### **Appointments:**

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Hutchison as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference for the first session of the 110th Congress. **Page S7269**

**Attorney General Gonzales Sense of the Senate—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. J. Res. 14, expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 8, 2007. **Page S7152**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7152**

**Clean Energy Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 8, 2007. **Page S7153**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7153**

**Nominations: Discharged Nomination:** The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to an order of the Senate of January 9, 2007:

\*Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

\*Nominee has committed to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate. **Page S7270**

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**Record Votes:** Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—201)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 and adjourned at 12:41 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007, until 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S .)

## ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **TUBERCULOSIS PATIENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine failures in the health care and border control systems, focusing on one tuberculosis patient's international public health threat, after receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Deborah J. Spero, Deputy Commissioner, United States Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Steven R. Katkowsky, Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, and Andrew Speaker, both of Atlanta, Georgia; and Nils Daulaire, Global Health Council, Washington, D.C.

### **THE ROLE OF PRIVATE STUDENT LENDING**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine paying for a college education, focusing on the role of private student lending, after receiving testimony from New York Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo, Tracy Grooms, Bank of America Corporation, and Peter B. Tarr, First Marblehead Corporation, all of New York, New York; Sevester Bell, Howard University, Jennifer Pae, United States Student Association, Barry W. Goulding, Sallie Mae, and Luke Swarthout, United States Public Interest Research

Group (U.S. PIRG), all of Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan Avidan, Langhorne, Pennsylvania.

### EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON WATER SUPPLY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the impact of climate change on water supply and availability in the United States, focusing on related issues from a water-use perspective, after receiving testimony from Christopher Milly, Research Hydrologist, United States Geological Survey, and Terry Fulp, Area Manager, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; Bradley H. Udall, Director, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration—University of Colorado Western Water Assessment, Boulder; Timothy F. Brick, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles; Philip W. Mote, University of Washington Climate Impacts Group, Seattle; Patrick O'Toole, Family Farm Alliance, Savery, Wyoming; Jack Williams, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; and Timothy Culbertson, National Hydropower Association, Ephrata, Washington.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 506, to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 798, to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy;

S. 635, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories; and

S. 1523, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from the Capitol power plant.

### TRADE AND GLOBALIZATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine international trade and globalization, focusing on adjustments for a 21st century workforce, after receiving testimony from Lael Brainard, Brookings Institution Global Economy and Development Program, Jane McDonald-Pines, AFL-CIO, and Howard Rosen, Trade Adjustment Assistance Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.; Kimberly M. Didier, Newton Development Corporation, Newton, Iowa; and Jerry Ann Ross, Eureka, Montana.

### THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN INNOVATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, focusing on the future of American innovation, after receiving testimony from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary for Intellectual Property, and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Bruce G. Bernstein, InterDigital Communications Cooperation, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; Mary E. Doyle, Palm, Inc., Sunnyvale, California; John A. Squires, Goldman, Sachs and Company, New York, New York; and Kathryn L. Biberstein, Alkermes, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO).

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 2576–2603; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 165; and H. Res. 460, 466–469, were introduced.

**Pages H6109–11**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H6111–12**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 459, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-

first Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–175);

H. Res. 461, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-fourth Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–176);

H. Res. 462, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fourth Congressional District of Louisiana (H. Rept. 110–177);